

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. - 8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A method of operating a device which is connected to a vehicle communications network, the method comprising:

detecting, using a bus manager, that data communication with the device in a switched-off state is necessary; and

subsequently reactivating the switched-off device by the bus manager via a frequency pulse transmitted over a power supply line.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, further comprising:

comparing the frequency pulse with a threshold value by an analyzer circuit of the switched-off device; and

reactivating the switched-off device when a signal power of the frequency pulse exceeds the threshold.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, further comprising:

switching-off the device by a frequency pulse; and

transmitting the frequency pulse at a frequency which is detected by at least one analyzer circuit of a device of the vehicle communications network.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, further comprising:

switching-off all devices downstream from the switched-off device in a branch of the vehicle communications network; and

reactivating devices downstream from the reactivated device.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, further comprising:

switching-off and reactivating the device by the bus manager.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, further comprising:
reactivating the device, which shut itself down, by the bus manager.
15. (Previously Presented) A device comprising:
an analyzer circuit connected to a power supply line, the analyzer circuit including a frequency-selective filter and a threshold detector.
16. (Previously Presented) A bus manager comprising:
means for detecting that data communication with a device in a switched-off state is necessary, the device being connected to a vehicle communications network; and
means for subsequently reactivating the switched-off device via a frequency pulse transmitted over a power supply line.
17. (New) The method according to claim 9, further comprising:
switching off all functionality of a bit transmission layer of the device, except a functionality enabling the device to respond to the frequency pulse.
18. (New) The bus manager according to claim 16, further comprising:
an arrangement for switching off all functionality of a bit transmission layer of the device, except a functionality enabling the device to respond to the frequency pulse.